National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP)

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The xx system of investigators is a good one. Nxon has divided the country into regions and has established "investigators" in each of the regions. Any interested member of NICAP is encouraged to xxxxxx request a form by which one can apply for this position. The requirements for the position xxxxxxxxxx include a minimum age of 25, formal training or experience in some branch of science, or other specialized background applicable to systematic collection of information, the ability to cover an area of at least 50 miles in diameter xx or one hour of driving time. As of a few months ago some 35 investigators were located throughout the country, with NICAP in the process of establishing even more. A breakdown of their backgrounds looked like the following: 7 PhDs, 2MAs or MS, 23 BAs or BS, 1AA and 2with college training but no degrees. Occupationally they included 4 physical scientists, 13 engineers, 3 college profs, 13 specialists, including doctor, technician, computer programmer and businessman. Five of the 35 are pilots. Also xxxxxx utilized as " legmen" for the investigators are investigator xxxxx assistants. All investigators carry inx credentials xx identifying them as investigators for NICAP.

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NICAP currently operates on a $40,000 yr. budget and has 3,500 dues paying members. Both the membership and the budget may be expected to increase xubstantiix substatially due to the recent UFO flap.

A computer project codenamed "Project Acess" is currently in the mill. An effort is being made to develop some sort of pattern analysis out of the 15, 000 or more raw reports reportedly in NICAP's files. This apparently will take the following form:

1. event- including time, place, terrain, weather, speed, color, dx shape and other information

2. principals-including data on all witnesses and others involved in reports such as bio data, medical info and psychological aspects

3. investigation- including evaluation of reports and special notes from the regional investigator on witness discrepancy in testiony etc...

The following is apparently the xx organizational structure and relationships within NICAP:

